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Applicant thanks the Examiner for the remarks and analysis contained in the Office Action. Claims 1, 12 and 18 are amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the claims are anticipated by the *Barturen, et al.* reference (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0046681). The *Barturen, et al.* reference is not concerned with firmware that is burned onto a chip. Each of Applicant's claims includes a feature that ensures firmware is available to be burned onto a chip only after a part number has been assigned as claimed. No such use of a part number is disclosed or contemplated by the *Barturen, et al.* reference.

Applicant also respectfully submits that even the proposed combination of the *Barturen, et al.* and *Mukherjee, et al.* reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,317,729) does not render any of Applicant's claims obvious. Neither of those references are concerned with burning firmware onto a chip. Neither of them in any way suggests Applicant's claimed approach for managing a firmware file. Therefore, even if the combination of references could be made, the result is not what is recited in Applicant's claims and none of the claims can be considered obvious.

Applicant believes that this case is in condition for allowance.

Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time for filing a response to this Office Action for one month, the period to end on May 3, 2007. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds in the amount of \$120.00.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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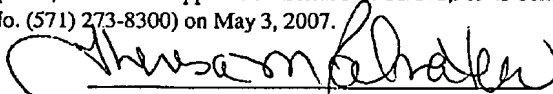
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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE

I hereby certify that this Response, relative to Application Serial No. 10/648,909 is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office (Fax No. (571) 273-8300) on May 3, 2007.


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